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## MICHIGAN BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE OCTOBER 23, 2008 MEETING

### APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976, PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Veterinary Medicine met in regular session on October 23, 2008 at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 1, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Henry Vaupel, D.V.M., Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Henry Vaupel, D.V.M., Chairperson  
Lawrence A. Letsche, D.V.M., Vice Chairperson  
Michelle Kopcha, D.V.M.  
Christopher Rohwer, D.V.M.  
Nancy C. Postorino-Reeves, D.V.M.  
Sandra McMahon-Pelton, L.V.T.  
Harold E. Paulson, Jr., Public Member  
Steven Halstead, D.V.M., M.S., Ex-Officio Member

**Members Absent:** Amanda Stitt, Public Member  
Kim Beattie, Public Member

**Staff Present:** Brooke Parmalee, Secretary  
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Licensing Division  
Amy Shell, Manager, Licensing Division  
Ray Garza, Director, Health Regulatory Division  
Lucinda Clark, Manager, Licensing Division  
Jack Blumenkopf, Assistant Attorney General

**Others Present:** Edward Liebler, D.V.M.  
Karlene Belyea, M.V.M.A.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Rohwer, seconded by Letsche to approve the May 29, 2008 meeting minutes as presented.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Letsche, seconded by McMahon-Pelton to approve the agenda as presented.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Veterinary Technician Exam Committee**

Clark indicated that the exam went very well. There were 187 candidates for the national exam and 200 candidates for the Michigan exam. There was an 83% pass rate on both exams.

### **B. Rules Committee**

The committee has not met recently. Shell indicated that the Administrative Rules on records and doctor-client relationships have been re-written. There will most likely be a public hearing early next spring.

### **C. Allegation Review Report**

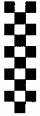
Vaupel indicated that 22 allegations have come through since the last time the board met and 2 compliance conferences were held.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Board and Disciplinary Resolutions – Ray Garza**

The full board and DSC have passed resolutions in the past to assist the department with cases. Garza would like to update those resolutions. He would like to know whether the board would like the resolutions to continue, be revised, or be rescinded. Garza discussed the resolution and certain aspects that the department would like to modify, including the establishment of a review date to keep the resolutions updated over time.

Discussion was held by the board.



**MOTION** by Postorino-Reeves, seconded by Rohwer to approve the full board Master Resolution.

**MOTION PREVAILED**

Garza went over the changes that were made to the DSC Master Resolution.

**B. Department Update**

Ramsdell indicated that the CPD Model is currently being reviewed by staff. She stated that the criminal background checks have been implemented for new licensees and reinstatements. The checks are not slowing down the licensing process.

Clark indicated that the national board has implemented a procedure that is limiting the number of times a person can take the NAVLE exam to five times, and they must complete the test within five years of the first time. For the final two attempts the individual has to wait one year between attempts.

**REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Liebler inquired about the board's policy on equine dentists practicing veterinary medicine without a license.

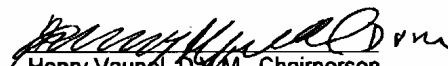
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held December 11, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 1, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by McMahon-Pelton, seconded by Rohwer to adjourn at 2:00 p.m.

**MOTION PREVAILED**

  
Henry Vaupel, D.V.M., Chairperson

12.1.08  
Date Minutes Approved

  
Brooke Parmalee, Secretary

10-27-08  
Date Minutes Prepared